

Leon County Citizen Charter Review Committee

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Clerk Auditor

1 (1) The Leon County Clerk of the Court shall serve as the Auditor to the Commission
2 ~~as specified by law.~~ The Clerk as Auditor shall conduct audits of County Commission books,
3 accounts and internal controls solely in accord with the Audit Committee's adopted plan of
4 work. The Clerk shall employ a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Public Accountant, or such
5 other person qualified by education or experience in governmental accounting, internal auditing
6 practices and fiscal controls, which shall include at least five (5) years experience in professional
7 accounting, auditing, governmental fiscal administration or related experience, unless the Clerk
8 holds such qualifications. The Board of County Commissioners shall fund the audit function of
9 the Clerk. The language in this section shall be construed to be in addition to any authority given
10 the Clerk by the Constitution or by statute.

11 (2) Audit Committee. There shall be a five member Audit Committee of which two
12 members shall be appointed by the County Commission and three by the Clerk. The Audit
13 Committee shall adopt an annual plan of work for the Auditor and shall oversee the work of the
14 Auditor. The Audit Committee may include in the work plan performance audits, the scope of
15 which is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of management decisions, subject to
16 approval by the County Commission. The Audit Committee members shall be residents of Leon
17 County, none of whom may be an employee or officer of County government, and who have
18 experience as a public accountant, internal auditor, or as a financial manager for a public, private
19 or not for profit institution. The purpose of the Committee is to promote, maintain, and enhance
20 the independence and objectivity of the internal audit function by ensuring broad audit coverage,
21 adequate consideration of audit reports, and appropriate action on recommendations. Clerk shall
22 provide for the organization and duties of the audit committee, including membership terms,
23 voting procedures, officers, sub-committees, meeting schedules and staff support.

Section 3. Ballot Question To Be Presented To Electorate.

The proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, shall be presented to the qualified Leon County electorate by placing the question of whether to adopt same on the ballot at the special election to be held on _____.

Section 4. Ballot Question Form.

The question on the ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

**AMENDMENT TO HOME RULE CHARTER OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
AS PROPOSED BY LEON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2010-____**

Question

Yes for Approval _____

No for Rejection _____

Section 5. Further Authorization.

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, is authorized to adopt all resolutions and take all actions necessary in order for this Charter amendment referendum to be properly placed on the ballot for the special election of _____. Said referendum shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing referendum elections in the State of Florida.

Section 6. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, section or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or words shall be deemed a

1 separate and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the
2 remaining portions thereof.

3 **Section 7. Effective Date.**

4 This ordinance shall have effect upon becoming law, but shall be of no further force or
5 effect if the proposed Charter amendments are not duly approved at the
6 _____, special election. The amendments to the Home Rule Charter of
7 Leon County, Florida, as proposed by this Ordinance, shall become effective
8 _____, if the Charter amendment is approved by a “yes” vote by a majority
9 of those duly qualified electors voting on the question posed at the _____,
10 referendum.

11 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Leon
12 County, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2010.

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14 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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17 By: _____
18 Bob Rackleff, Chairman
19 Board of County Commissioners
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22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
23 COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
24 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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27 ATTESTED BY:
28 BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
29 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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27 By: _____
28 Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
29 County Attorney
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27 By: _____
28 Bob Inzer, Clerk